

played an important role in shaping the health and well-being of his community for nearly 30 years.

Gary Mizono's life has been intrinsically tied to Northern California. The second generation of his family to be born in San Francisco, Dr. Mizono completed both his medical residencies there, after finishing his medical degree at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine. Upon completing his medical training, Dr. Mizono decided to stay in San Francisco and built a successful private practice with other respected doctors. After seven years, Dr. Mizono joined San Rafael's Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in 1992, where he has been ever since.

Gary Mizono provided much needed leadership, expertise, and energy to Kaiser's Northern California operations. The medical center, located in Mann County, California, had only been established 16 years prior to his hiring. In that time, the community's growing need for primary and specialty medical care led Kaiser to establish satellite facilities throughout the County of Mann and the neighboring County of Sonoma. These facilities ultimately expanded Kaiser's overall patient network in the region to the over 100,000 members that have access to medical services today.

Gary Mizono began his career at the medical center as a Head and Neck Surgeon. After only three years he was promoted to the position of Chief of Head and Neck Surgery, and five years after that he earned the added role of Assistant Physician-in-Chief. By 2007, Dr. Mizono took on a much larger administrative role as the Physician-in-Chief for the medical center, and a much larger leadership role as a Long-Term Director on the Permanente Medical Group Board of Directors. These positions greatly expanded both his direct impact on Mann County as a doctor, and his indirect impact on the broader Northern California medical community. In these roles, Dr. Mizono oversaw the coordination of innovative medical practices through the collaboration of over 9,000 Physicians and Nurse Practitioners, serving a combined population of over 3.8 million members.

Mr. Speaker, Gary Mizono has not only directly served his community as a doctor, but he has also helped shape the health and well-being of the broader Northern California Community through his administrative and leadership roles. I, therefore, urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Gary Mizono on the occasion of his retirement.

IRANIAN PROXIES TERRORIST SANCTIONS ACT OF 2017

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I applaud the recent sanctions applied to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. But there's more work to be done. Iranian proxy militias with American blood on their hands operate throughout the Middle East, especially in countries like Iraq and Syria. Mr. SHERMAN and I introduced H.R. 4238, the Iranian Proxies Terrorist Sanctions Act of 2017. This resolution will apply terrorist sanctions on two of the most dangerous Iranian proxy militias in

Iraq and Syria. By targeting these two groups, we will combat Iran's expansionism while signaling to regional partners we will not allow their citizens to be used as Iranian pawns. Our gains against ISIS in Syria and Iraq have been followed by Iran filling the vacuum—turning our victories into defeats. MS, we must turn the tide against Iran's conquest of the Middle East.

We must designate these two groups for what they are: terrorists dedicated to carrying out the bloody will of the Supreme Leader in Tehran. I urge all Members to cosponsor this important bill, H.R. 4238. And that's just the way it is.

PASSAGE OF THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I represent Virginia's 11th District, which has the third largest population of federal employees.

Government shutdowns have a devastating effect on people's lives.

It is shameful that the President and Republicans have inflicted this shutdown on the American public.

This shutdown has created enormous uncertainty and anxiety for families who are trying to be good public servants.

Furloughed federal employees across the country have had to deal with the stress and uncertainty of not knowing when they will be able to return to work, whether they will be paid, and how they will be able to pay their mortgage and provide for their families.

While this three-week continuing resolution ensures back pay for federal employees, it does not address the timing of pay for those who have been furloughed or have had to work without pay for up to three days.

I urge Federal agencies to take the necessary steps to ensure that their employees are made whole on the next regular pay date.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today the House of Representatives will vote on a continuing resolution to reopen the federal government and fully fund the Children's Health Insurance Program. I will be unable to be present for the vote in order to attend the funeral of my wife's mother. It is important that I be with my wife at this critical time.

Although I will not cast a vote, my support for this legislation is clear. I voted for the continuing resolution on January 18, 2018, and have voted in support of Children's Health Insurance Program funding on four separate occasions. After a senseless government shutdown, I will be grateful that a conclusion will be reached and funding for our military, vulnerable children, and essential government services will be restored.

MOTION TO CONCUR IN THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 195

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2018

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this so-called "deal" on a three-week continuing resolution (CR) because it does not get us any closer to a bipartisan budget agreement that will enable us to complete our work on the appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2018, and because it does not give us any meaningful certainty about a deal for the Dreamers.

Without a broad agreement on spending levels, we are yet again kicking the can down the road, for the fourth time in just this fiscal year alone. Governing by repeated CRs leaves federal agencies such as our Department of Defense unable to plan for the future or begin new initiatives. That undermines our national security and leaves our homeland more vulnerable. It is not how the appropriations process is supposed to work.

Before the end of FY 2017, Speaker PAUL RYAN said that a continuing resolution to keep the government open after September 30th would be necessary because the Senate would not be able to process the appropriations bills as quickly as the House so, and I quote, "we're going to need more time to complete our appropriations process, particularly in the Senate." So Democrats voted to keep the government open in September and they helped keep it open again on December 8 and December 22.

And here we are again. Republicans control the House, the Senate, and the White House. Yet despite their full control of government, they are no closer to passing the spending bills that support programs and services important to American families and our military than they were four months ago. Once again they are saying trust us and give us even more time.

Some of my Senate colleagues have decided to vote for this bill because Senate Republican Leader MITCH MCCONNELL has promised to take up legislation by February 8 to keep our government running and to address the plight of Dreamers. But I am deeply skeptical. After all, Senator MCCONNELL has made a lot of promises recently that he has failed to keep.

Senator MCCONNELL promised Senator COLLINS that bills to stabilize the Affordable Care Act markets would be "must-pass bills" by the end of 2017 in exchange for her vote for the Republican tax bill. There has been no action.

Senator FLAKE announced that Senator MCCONNELL promised him a vote on DACA in exchange for his support of the tax reform bill, but there has been no action on MCCONNELL's promise.

And when a shutdown loomed before passage of the FY 2017 omnibus, Senator MCCONNELL said that neither that bill nor the FY 2018 appropriations bills "can be done by one party only. All of that will have to be done on a bipartisan basis." Yet there has only been partisan action on appropriations bills.

It is difficult to trust a promise from a Senator who has a history of breaking promises.

Also unsettling and adding to skepticism is the fact that there is no commitment from Speaker RYAN to bring up a Senate bill to fund the government and help Dreamers. There is also no commitment from the president that he would sign a Senate bill—and even if there was, there is no guarantee he won't again change his mind at a moment's notice.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, and as one of the original authors of the Dream Act, I believe we must act now. We can't keep kicking the can down the road on difficult decisions about government spending, and we can't leave Dreamers living in fear and uncertainty. I oppose this CR because we need to vote on permanent solutions on the urgent issues facing our nation including community health clinics, opioid addiction, Dream, and worker pensions, among others.

MOTION TO CONCUR IN THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT H.R. 195

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2018

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I will vote today to re-open the government and provide certainty to 17,000 children in Connecticut and their families who depend on the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The reality is that the Republicans control the levers of the federal government—the House, the Senate, and the Executive branch. While some of my Republican colleagues, like Senators SUSAN COLLINS and LINDSEY GRAHAM, have worked on a bipartisan solution, the Republican leadership has failed the most basic of their responsibilities—to lead and to keep the federal government open.

While CR's are harmful in general, I will vote for a short-term extension only through February 8th as a sign of good faith as I believe it is better to negotiate with the government open rather than closed. If the Republicans renege on their commitments, it will be clear to the American people they can neither govern nor keep their word with regards to funding community health centers, opioid funding, protecting young people who were brought to this country as children from being deported, and funding for our military and domestic programs.

This is the fourth CR that we have passed to keep the government open. Our military and federal agencies need a year-long budget in order to plan and to effectively execute the functions of government. My Republican colleagues have committed to coming to the table and working on solutions for the opioid epidemic, disaster relief funding, and a solution for the 700,000 DREAMers in the next three weeks. The United States government made a deal with these young people and despite the President's edict to deport them if solutions are not made in Congress, it is now on the Republicans to work with us, as they have promised to govern responsibly. I will hold the Republicans accountable for their promises and so will the American people.

IN CELEBRATION OF JOHN HARTIG'S DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AT THE DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Hartig on the day of his retirement from the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the only International Wildlife Refuge in North America. His distinguished leadership has helped shape a new future for the Detroit River and surrounding wildlife.

A longtime Michigan resident, Mr. Hartig fondly recalls childhood vacations up north and weekends spent fishing on Belle Isle. His exposure to Michigan's wildlife and understanding of intense lake and river pollution inspired him to receive his Doctorate in Limnology, the study of inland waters, from the University of Windsor and begin what would become a lifetime of work restoring and transforming the Great Lakes states through clean-up and public education. Mr. Hartig has held various positions over the years including serving as an environmental scientist at the International Joint Commission, as an adjunct professor at Wayne State University, and as River Navigator for the Greater Detroit American Heritage River Initiative before being named Refuge Manager at the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, a position he has held since 2004. In these positions, Mr. Hartig has overseen the transformation of the Detroit River, which was one of the most polluted waterways in the country in the 1960s, the revival of various animal populations including the bald eagle and lake sturgeon, as well as increasing public access to Michigan's beautiful natural lands.

Mr. Hartig is a leading voice nationwide due to his conservation work, and Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge was singled out at the 2006 White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation as a national model in public-private partnerships for conservation and sustainability. In addition to being a long time board member of the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy, Mr. Hartig is a prolific writer on the Great Lakes and has received many awards including the John Muir Association's 2015 Conservationist of the Year and the 2013 Conservation Advocate Award from the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. He was recently selected as a Fulbright scholar and will spend the next three years in that capacity traveling the Great Lakes region and continuing his lifetime's work of addressing pollution and reviving public lands. Mr. Hartig has been an invaluable leader, and we look forward to his continued work protecting our precious natural resources. He will be greatly missed at the Wildlife Refuge, but his legacy will provide a solid foundation for its future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John Hartig for his lifetime of conservation work and invaluable contributions to our state. He has forever changed the Great Lakes ecosystem through his passion, hard work and ingenuity.

IN HONOR OF LINDA WEPPNER FOR RECEIVING THE GREATER CHEYENNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Linda Weppner for receiving the Women's Leadership Award from the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce.

Every year, the Cheyenne Women's Entrepreneur Roundtable recognizes a woman who exhibits outstanding leadership in their professions and service to others with the Women's Leadership Award. It recognizes those who go above and beyond for their businesses and for their community. Linda has made an excellent example for her family, friends, and residents across the state through her hard work, tenacity, and passion for her work and community.

As the broker/owner of Century 21 Bell Real Estate, Linda enjoys helping people turn their dreams of owning a home into a reality. Her leadership and service to others is apparent through her involvement in real estate education, instructing aspiring realtors, and participating on multiple boards and organizations. She served as the president of the Cheyenne Board of Realtors and the Cheyenne Multiple Listing Service, and is currently a member of the board for the Wyoming Association of Realtors, the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, and the Women's Civic League of Cheyenne, to name a few. Linda is committed to supporting her community in all aspects of her life and I thank her for her dedication and significant contributions.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to the 2017 recipient of the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce's Women's Leadership Award, Linda Weppner. She and her family deserve to be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

IRAN AND NORTH KOREA'S REGIMES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Iran and North Korea continue to threaten the world with their nuclear ambitions. But they do not just terrorize the international community. Iran and North Korea systematically repress and persecute their own people. We all saw what the Ayatollah did to the peaceful protesters of the Green Movement in 2009. And that was nothing new. Iran has been torturing and killing its own people since 1979. Hundreds of thousands of North Koreans are held in political prisoner camps. They are beaten and tortured. Live abortions and killings of newborns are standard procedures there. We must expose these murderous regimes for what they are. More than sanctions, these regimes should fear the millions they enslave and repress. Our strategy must be expanded beyond sanctions.